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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-774-C - ORDER NO. 96-356
MAY 17, 1996

IN RE: Request of U.S. Long Distance, Inc.) ORDER
for Approval of Revisions to its PSC-SC) CANCELLING
Tariff No. 2 to Introduce Various New) BOND
Product Offerings Including a Prepaid) REQUIREMENT
Calling Card Service.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Commission Staff's (the Staff's) review of the bond requirements for companies offering prepaid calling card services in South Carolina. Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission determines that the bond requirement should be cancelled.

By Commission Order No. 95-1178, dated May 31, 1995, the Commission approved certain tariff revisions for U.S. Long Distance, Inc. (USLD). Among the tariff revisions approved by Order No. 95-1178 was the introduction of a prepaid calling card service. As a condition of offering the prepaid calling card service, the Commission required USLD to post a bond for the protection of the subscribers in South Carolina. The bond was in the amount of \$5000 and was in the form of a Certificate of Deposit. The Commission ordered that the bond and the necessity of maintaining the bond would be reviewed after one year.

In accordance with the directives of Order No. 95-1178, the

Staff has reviewed the updated financial documents of USLD. Staff informs the Commission that USLD appears to be in sound financial shape and is able to meet its cash needs. Staff recommends that the bond requirement is no longer needed from USLD.

As USLD appears to be financially sound, the Commission believes and so finds that the bond requirement required by Order No. 95-1178 should be cancelled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Certificate of Deposit filed with the Commission as a bond shall be returned to U.S. Long Distance, Inc.
2. The bond requirement contained in Order No. 95-1178 is hereby cancelled for U.S. Long Distance, Inc.
3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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